

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: | § 8 | |
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| JEFFREY M. STAUB, PETER T. J. HAJDUKIEWICZ, AND LARRY GILBERTSON | \$ § § | £ |
| Serial No.: 09/688,851 | § § | Group Art Unit: 1638 |
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| For: Methods and Vectors for Site-Specific Recombination in Plant Cell Plastids | % % % | Atty Docket: 38-77(15868) |

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 17, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring March 17, 2004, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as indicated in the following sections.